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Dr. Geoffrey Rose, Director
Squibb Institute for Medical Research
745 Fifth Avenue
New York City 22, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Rose:

I am glad to have this opportunity of seconding Dr. P. W. Wilson's nomination of Dr. Joshua Lederberg for the Eli Lilly Award in Bacteriology and Immunology.

I believe that Dr. Lederberg is eminently deserving of this award and that his selection would meet with the approval of bacteriologists and microbiologists throughout the country and the world. As you are well aware, Dr. Lederberg has been in the forefront of all bacterial genetics and it is certainly due to his ability and breadth of conception that the phenomenon of bacterial recombination has been firmly established.

Although I run the risk of being thought prejudiced, I feel that the area of bacterial genetics is today in the forefront of microbiology, and secondly that Dr. Lederberg is the most outstanding worker in this field both today and from its inception.

For these reasons I am sure that Dr. Lederberg warrants consideration for this award and am honored to nominate him.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Tatum

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Cc: Dr. P. W. Wilson